

**Investigation into Red Fort shoot-out case**

4282. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate and Delhi Police which had initiated a joint investigation into the Red Fort shoot-out incident in December, 2000 to nab those hawala operators who helped the militants get money through hawala channel has since completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the hawala operators are likely to be booked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Delhi Police and Enforcement Directorate conducted a joint raid at the premises of a Hawala operator, who is, however, still absconding. Since investigation into the case has not been concluded, it would be difficult to set any time limit by which the matter will be put to court.

**Maharashtra's Request to ban SIMI**

4283. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to impose ban on Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) in the wake of communal riots at pune and other parts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether Government have also received reports that riots were started (engineered) by this organisation; and

(c) if so, what is Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra have reported that SIMI activists have been found involved in engineering communal incidents in Pune and Aurangabad in March 2001 and 21 cases have been registered under the relevant